

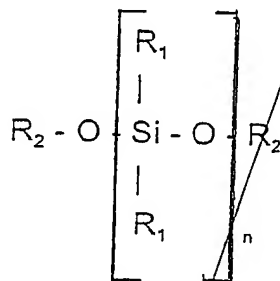
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,  
and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A composition ~~to be used~~  
~~in paints, characterized by~~ comprising:

a resin constituent which includes

- i) a non-aromatic epoxy resin,
- ii) a polysiloxane having the formula:



where  $\text{R}^1$  is a hydroxyl or an alkyl, aryl or alkoxy group having up to 6 carbon atoms,  $\text{R}^2$  is a hydrogen or an alkyl or aryl group having up to 6 carbon atoms and  $n$  is a number selected so that the ~~molar mass~~ molecular weight of the polysiloxane is within the range of 400 to 2000, and

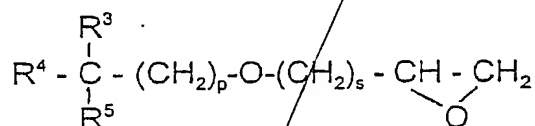
iii) an epoxy silane which acts as a crosslinking agent between the epoxy and siloxane chains.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A The composition as claimed in claim 1, **characterized** in that the weight ratio

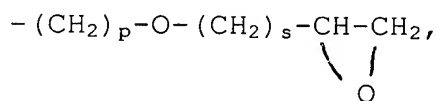
between the epoxy silane, polysiloxane and non-aromatic epoxy resin is 1:2-5:2-5.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A The composition as claimed in claim 1, **characterized** in that the non-aromatic epoxy resin is a branched aliphatic epoxy resin.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A The composition as claimed in claim 3, **characterized** in that the aliphatic epoxy resin has the formula

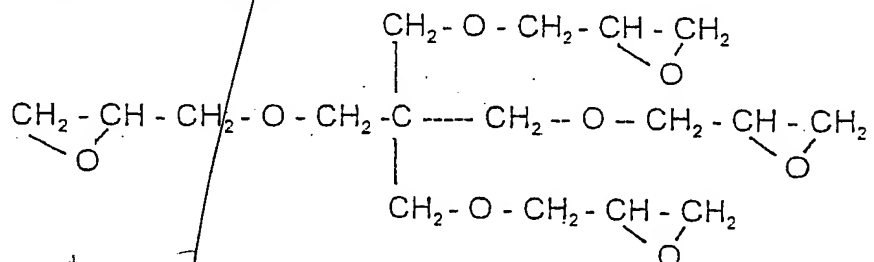


where p is an integer between 0 and 3, s is an integer between 1 and 3, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> represent independently C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or a group



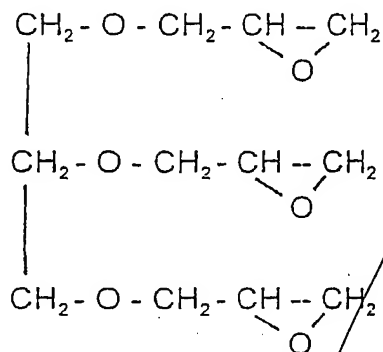
where p and s are as defined above and R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or a group  $-(\text{CH}_2)_p - \text{O} - (\text{CH}_2)_s - \text{CH} - \text{CH}_2$ , where p and s are as defined above.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A The composition as claimed in claim 4, **characterized** in that the aliphatic epoxy resin has the formula



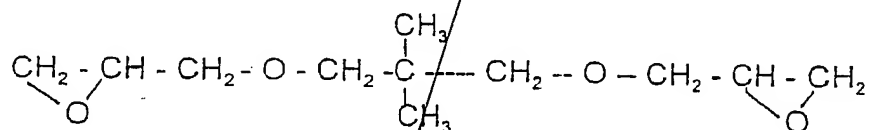
Claim 6 (currently amended): A The Composition as claimed in claim 4, **characterized** in that the aliphatic epoxy resin has the formula

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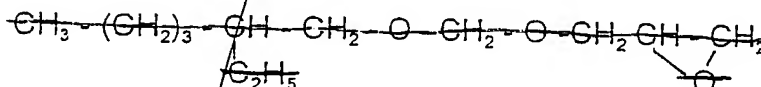


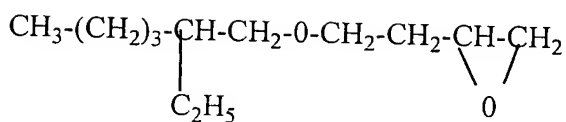
Claim 7 (currently amended): A The composition as claimed in claim 4, **characterized** in that the aliphatic epoxy resin has the formula

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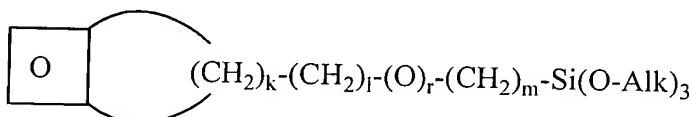
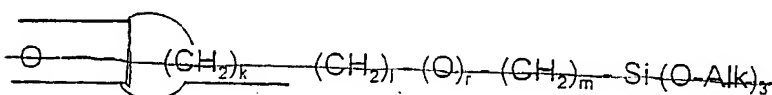


Claim 8 (currently amended): A The composition as claimed in claim 4, **characterized** in that the aliphatic epoxy resin has the formula





Claim 9 (currently amended): A The composition as claimed in claim 1, **characterized** in that the epoxy silane has the formula

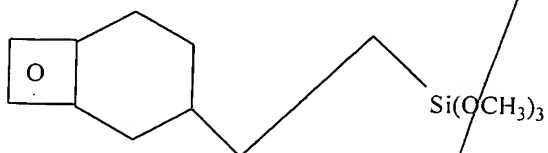


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where k is an integer between 0 and 4, r is 0 or 1, l is an integer between 1 and 6, m is an integer between 1 and 6 and Alk is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

Claim 10 (currently amended): ~~A paint~~ The composition as claimed in claim 9, **characterized** in that the epoxy silane has the formula



Claim 11 (currently amended): ~~A paint~~ The composition as claimed in claim 9, **characterized** in that the epoxy silane has the formula



Claim 12 (previously amended):

A kit,

~~characterized~~ by comprising a container A, which contains a composition according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 11, and a container B, which contains a hardener, whereby the container A and/or B may further contain conventional additives.